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INDIANAPOLIS MAN SENTENCED FOR COUNTERFEITING

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that MOGAMED L. FADIGA, a/k/a Osman Sesay, a/k/a Valerie Expert, 33, Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to 30 months imprisonment by U.S. District Judge David F. Hamilton following his guilty plea to passing a counterfeit security. This case was the result of an investigation by the U.S. Secret Service.

The indictment charged that between October 4, 2001 and September 17, 2002, FADIGA did possess and negotiate counterfeited securities (corporate checks).

FADIGA was involved in a conspiracy to deposit counterfeit corporate checks at various banks in Indianapolis between October 2001 and September 2002. His co-conspirator, Salim Cisse, was apprehended early in 2003 and has already been prosecuted. FADIGA has been a fugitive from the time the complaint was filed in February 2003 until his recent apprehension.

The mechanics of the scheme were that the perpetrators created or obtained counterfeit checks of legitimate corporations; which checks included the valid account number and bank routing numbers of the named corporate account holder. FADIGA and Cisse then caused these checks to be made payable to themselves (often using alias names) or to a business entity name they had created. After the counterfeit checks were deposited, the perpetrators then wrote checks out of the accounts into which the fraudulent deposits had been made, payable to themselves or confederates.

FADIGA pled guilty today to the counterfeit checks for which he is responsible, and the aggregate face amount of those checks is nearly \$250,000.

According to Assistant United States Attorney James M. Warden, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Hamilton also imposed 3 years supervised release following FADIGA's release from imprisonment. FADIGA was ordered to make full restitution.

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